MNC Assistance for Housing

1381. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFARIS AND EMPLPOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of Multi-National Companies have offered assistance for housing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Many Multi-National Companies have been making inquiries regarding possibility of investing in the housing sector in India, FDI is already permitteed for NRIs and PIOs. This is being liberalised and extended to every potentional investor, including Multi Nationals. A formal Cabinet decision regarding FDI is awaited.

Employment in Urban Areas Under Various Schemes

1382. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons in the country who have been provided employment in urban areas under various schemes of Government during the year 1997-98; and

(b) the number of people in Rajasthan who have been provided employment in urban areas under Central Schemes during the year 1997-98, alongwith the names of the Central Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY, and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) were being implemented by this Ministry in the urban areas of the country. These two schemes were replaced by a newly launched programme, Swarna Jayanti Sahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 1.12.97.

Number of persons employed in urban areas under these schemes during 1997-98 are as under:—

Year	NRY 1.4.97 to 30.11.97		PMIUPEP (November, 95 to Nov., 97)	SJSRY (1.12.97 to 31.3.98)	
	Persons assisted to set up micro units under SUME	No. of mandays of works generated under SUME (In Lakhs)	Persons given self employment	Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)	No. of mandays generated under Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) (in lakhs)
1997-98	1,23,724	24.02	12,515	14,727	6.23